

AGENDA

Farmers Water District

Special Meeting

July 18, 2022 9:30 A.M.

Notice is Hereby Given that on July 18, 2020 at 9:30 A.M. the Farmers Water District Board of Directors will meet in the conference room of Baker Farming, LLC, located at 8211 N Fresno St, Fresno, California. The agenda for the meeting will be:

1. Introductions
2. Agenda:
 - a. The Board will consider corrections or additions to the agenda of items requiring immediate action that have come to the attention of the Farmers Water District Board of Directors following the posting of the agenda.
3. Public Presentations or Comments
 - a. Presentations or comments by the public on matters on the agenda and within the jurisdiction of the Board, limited to a timeframe set by the Board President.

ACTION ITEMS:

4. The Board of Directors serving as the Groundwater Sustainability Agency will consider Resolution 2022-2 adopting the Amended Farmers Water District Groundwater Sustainability Plan and authorize the submission of the amended PLAN to California Department of Water Resources.

OTHER BUSINESS:

None

Note: The public will be given the opportunity to address the Board on any item on the agenda before or during the Board's consideration of that item. Please notify the Board President on your arrival to the meeting and indicate which agenda item you wish to address. The President may limit the total amount of time allocated for public testimony on particular issues for each individual speaker.

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Materials related to any item on this Agenda submitted to the District at the time of or after distribution of the agenda packet are available for public inspection at 8211 N. Fresno Street, Fresno CA 93720 or by calling (559) 659-3941.

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-2

RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE AMENDED FARMERS WATER DISTRICT GSA GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PLAN

A. **WHEREAS**, in August 2014, the California Legislature passed, and in September 2014 the Governor signed, legislation creating the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (“SGMA”) “to provide local groundwater sustainability agencies with the authority and technical and financial assistance necessary to sustainably manage groundwater” (Wat. Code, § 10720, (d)); and

B. **WHEREAS**, SGMA requires sustainable management through the development of groundwater sustainability plans (“GSPs”), which can be a single plan developed by one or more groundwater sustainability agencies (“GSAs”) or multiple coordinated plans within a basin or subbasin (Wat. Code, § 10727); and

C. **WHEREAS**, SGMA requires a GSP to be developed and implemented to manage groundwater in all basins designated by the Department of Water Resources (“DWR”) as medium or high priority, including the Delta-Mendota Subbasin (basin number 5-22.07); and

D. **WHEREAS**, the Farmers Water District GSA was formed to be an exclusive GSA for a portion of the Delta-Mendota Subbasin; and

E. **WHEREAS**, the Farmers Water District GSA has the authority to draft, adopt, amend, and implement a GSP (Wat. Code, § 10725 *et seq.*; § 10728.4); and

F. **WHEREAS**, other GSAs in the Delta-Mendota Subbasin prepared separate GSPs for other regions of the Delta-Mendota Subbasin for a total of six GSPs covering the entire Delta-Mendota Subbasin (each, a “GSP Group”); and

G. **WHEREAS**, the GSAs from all six GSP Groups entered into a Coordination Agreement effective December 12, 2018 (the “Coordination Agreement”) to comply with SGMA and ensure that the multiple GSPs within the Delta-Mendota Subbasin would be developed and implemented utilizing the same methodologies and assumptions, that the elements of the GSPs are appropriately coordinated to support sustainable management, and to show how the multiple GSPs will achieve the sustainability goal for the Subbasin. The Coordination Agreement also established a Coordination Committee composed of representatives from each GSP Group, outlined information sharing obligations, procedures for resolving conflicts, and designated the SLDMWA as the Plan Manager for the Delta-Mendota Subbasin; and

H. **WHEREAS**, SGMA states that a GSA “may adopt or amend a GSP after a public hearing, held at least 90 days after providing notice to a city or county within the area of the proposed plan or amendment” (Wat. Code, § 10728.4); and

I. **WHEREAS**, on January 21, 2022, DWR completed its review of all the GSPs in the Delta-Mendota Subbasin and released a letter determining that the GSPs for the Delta-Mendota Subbasin as a whole were “Incomplete” and identified deficiencies and corrective

actions for the GSAs in the Delta-Mendota Subbasin to take. Amended or modified GSPs addressing the corrective actions from each GSP Group must be submitted to DWR by July 20, 2022; and

J. **WHEREAS**, on March 18, 2022, the Farmers Water District GSA transmitted the 90-Day Notice to affected cities and counties notifying them of the Farmers Water District GSA's intent to adopt an amended GSP at one or more public hearings to be scheduled not earlier than June 22, 2022, and inviting consultation with the affected cities and counties.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of Farmers Water District GSA finds as follows:

1. After a public hearing, the Farmers Water District GSA hereby approves and adopts the final draft Amended Farmers Water District GSA GSP, dated July 18, 2022, in substantially the form presented, subject to such modifications as the executing officer shall approve, said execution to provide conclusive proof of approval of any such modifications.
2. The Farmers Water District GSA authorizes the SLDMWA, its consultants, and the Plan Manager, or the Farmers Water District GSA Chairman to take such other actions as may be reasonably necessary to submit the Farmers Water District GSA GSP to DWR by July 20, 2022, and implement the purpose of this Resolution.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED this July 18, 2022 by the following vote:

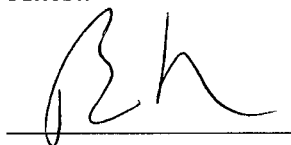
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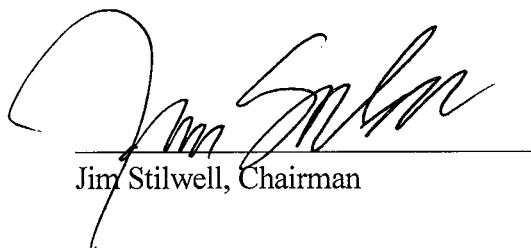
ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Attest:



Barry Baker, Secretary



Jim Stilwell, Chairman

7-18-2022

Date: